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“A very good club”

September 2023

President Sheila Fagliano’s comments

Our editor Nile Runge is filling in for me this time. Sometimes life is like that and there just is not enough time.

See you at Rotary.



Sheila Fagliano

September Calendar — Marc Roberts

September 6: Kristy Higaes – **Girl’s Garage**

September 13: Alan Frank — **The Heritage Guild - 50 Years**

September 20: **Club assembly**

September 27: Jeramy Young — **Livermore Police Chief**



Secretary Joel Swanson — July Board Highlights

The board met on the 24th of August, with a quorum present and three visiting club members. Four items were voted on and passed. First, we discussed lunch charges, which we decided to hold at \$25 per person for those weeks where we had catered lunches (e.g., at Beeb's or Las Positas). The sandwiches at RLCC meetings will continue, the cost for which is being taken out of club funds. Second, We discussed and voted to approve a new policy #19 regarding the procedure for new members. That procedure will be sent to club members separately. Third, the board discussed and voted to appoint a committee to review our policies and bylaws, to ensure that we are doing things in accordance with our own rules. The committee currently includes Sblend, Loretta, and Irv as the initial members for this committee. Others may volunteer with them to help. Finally, the board voted to approve proposing RAVE as a restricted fund for the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore (see the vocational services report below).



Joel Swanson



Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman

A quick review of last month:

Overall, the budget for the year 22-23 was slightly negative as one of the auction items was refunded. Prior to that reimbursement we had a balance at the end of June of almost \$53,000. The required minimum carryover is \$25,000.

We remain in good fiscal health. The funds for the Rotarian Foundation did not change with approximately \$11,000 in the Club's Restricted Account and almost \$5,000 in the Music Restricted Account. The \$25,000 Grant the Club received was dispersed to be used for a Mental Health Project at Granada High School.

The Club's bank account as of August 1st had \$86,755.19. The increase was a function of invoices paid during July. Several invoices have yet to be paid

and I will be contacting our members in the coming weeks. Rotarian Foundation Funds did not increase in July.

The Finance Committee met in August and unanimously agreed that the charge for lunches at different venues should remain at \$25. After a productive discussion the Board approved that recommendation without dissent. One major factor is that the Club has a contract with the Community Center until the end of December giving us time to evaluate alternatives. Next month the Finance Committee will bring up the President's Club distribution to the Board for discussion.



Norm Bregman

Membership — Alan Burnham

Irv Stowers and I attended the **Western-US membership workshop** on August 12. The workshop discussed the various ways to set and achieve goals for membership involvement and growth. A starting point was that involvement was more important than simply the number of members. Even so, it is desirable to get back to 100 members this year in addition to increasing broader involvement. We brought in 8 new members last year but lost 9, for a net loss of one. The causes are varied, including death, moving, and dropping out for a variety of reasons. If we lose 10 as typical for the past few years, we need to add 16 members to reach that goal. That is more than one a month!



The membership committee met and discussed a variety of issues that need to be addressed to encourage club growth:

1. The **meeting time** is inconvenient for young professionals, and holding one evening meeting a month looked like a change worth considering. Presumably, it would be before a social hour comparable to those we have been holding to help recruit new members. Our current (unenforced) attendance is two meetings or events per month, and might we want to reduce that to a minimum of one per month?

2. Can we make our hybrid meetings more attractive to younger corporate members by having collective **remote login** to club meetings from the corporate site. Right now, a new member cannot get to know other members very well by only remote attendance. Sponsoring one or more satellite clubs might also be attractive, but that is really a method for starting new Rotary clubs--a potentially important but different objective.

3. Some are concerned about the total of dues and various fees and contributions. Efforts are in progress by various people to try to find a place where the combination of **facility fee and lunch cost** would be more attractive. At the same time, we realize the importance of not using fundraising efforts to subsidize club costs as well as getting everyone involved in supporting the Rotary Foundation.

Alan Burnham



Community Service — Loretta Kaskey



**Thank you for volunteering at the
Marylin Ave. STEAM Academy
“Back to School BBQ” on August 18.**



We feed over
550 kids, family,
and faculty
members too!



Golf event at Dublin Ranch, October 12th

With the Morning Club and friends we are holding our annual golf event at Dublin Ranch, October 12th, Thursday, at noon. The cup for winner is open to all with a golf handicap. Other handicaps are the player's responsibility, but all levels are encouraged to come out. For those that can we go to dinner afterwards in Livermore.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - September Update

The Rotary Foundation Committee consists of Goud Memula as Chair, Pat McMenamain, Irving Stowers, Glenn Kubiak, and Don Sweeney.



TRF Contribution Recognitions in August 2022-23

Paul Harris Society Member (PHS) for donating \$1000+ in 2022-23



Joel Swanson (PHF+8), Lynn Seppala (Major Donor), Sblend Sblendorio (PHF+6), Glen Kubiak, Norm Bregman (PHF+8), Kelly Bowers (PHF+3), Jacquie William-Courtright (Major Donor), Irving Stowers (Major Donor) and Patrick McMenamain (AKS)
(not present Kathlene Tabet (PHF+2) and Leland Younker (PHF+8)

Multiple Paul Harris Fellows — PHF +1 thru PHF+8 Recognitions



Fernando Romeo Jr (PHF+3), Paul McCandless (PHF+3), Carol Howell (PHF+6) and Alan Burnham (PHF+8) *(not present:* Henry Shay (PHF+1), Christian Ising (PHF+4) and James Schmidt)

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - September Update

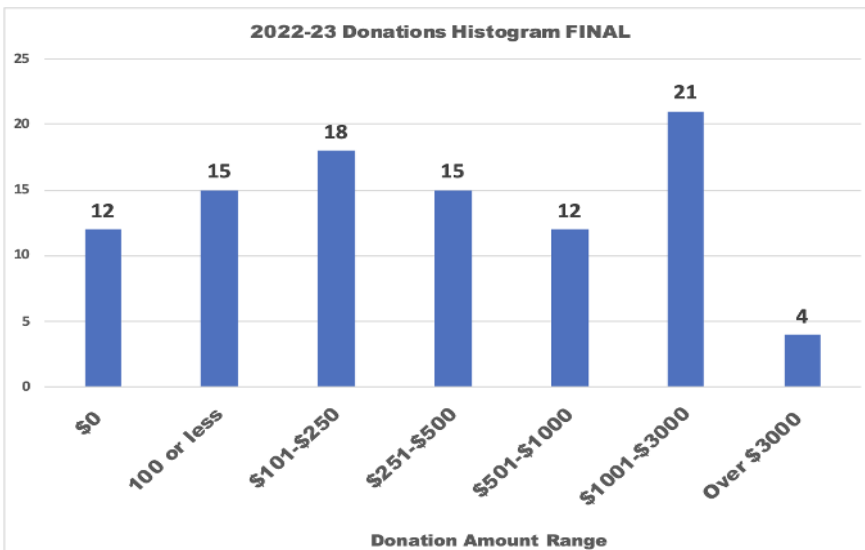


Paul Harris Fellows Recognitions.



Monya Lane (PHF), Mathew Fuzie (PHF) and Don Sweeny (PHF) (not present Walt Thinfen (PHF)

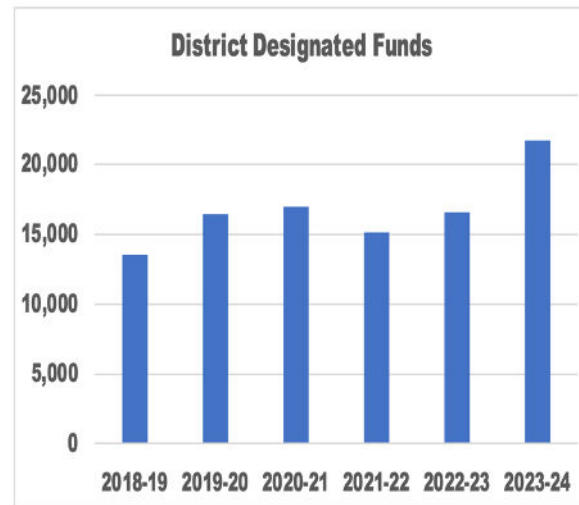
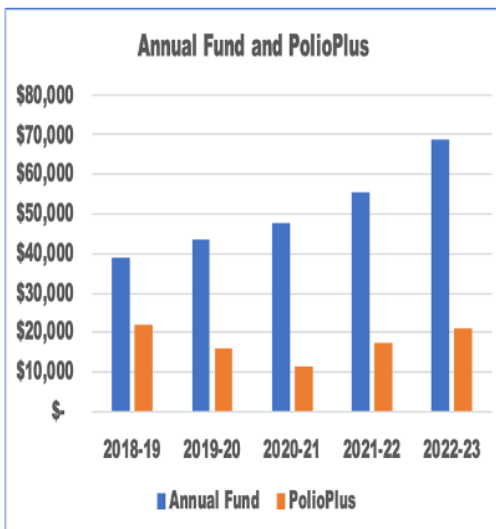
The 2022-23 Donor Histogram below illustrates that individual contributions from Rotarians vary and 88% of Rotarians contributed to TRF Annual Fund and/or PolioPlus.



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - September Update



The graph of Annual Fund and PolioPlus combined contributions have been increasing over past five years. Total donations have increased from \$60k to \$90k, a 50% increase.



Our Club earns District Designated Fund (DDF) approximately equal to 50% of our Club's Annual Fund contributions. These DDF can be used for either District Grants or Global Grants or combination. The other 50% of Annual Funds are used for projects in seven areas of focus around the world.

For example, if our club contributed approximately \$40,000 to TRF in Annual Funds, we get back 20,000 DDF.

If all of these are used for a District Grant project, it is worth \$25,000 which is 62.5% of our contributions.

If we use all the DDF for a Global Grant Project, it will be worth \$36,000 which is 90% of our contributions.

Our club DDF allocations have increased from \$13,498 to \$21,735 in 5 years, a 61% increase.

2023-24 TRF Goals

Our TRF fundraising goal TRF for 2023-24 are \$72,000 for Annual Fund and \$22,000 for PolioPlus.

With the help of all Rotarians and all the members of the Board we are confident of reaching or exceeding these goals.

International Services Report

The primary purpose of the International Service Director is to assist the Board and club members in selecting an International (Global) Project(s) and a District Project(s) to be supported by Districted Distributed Funds (DDF). Other Global and District projects can also be supported with cash donations.



At the present time the Club has 10,868 DDF credits dedicated to Global Grants and 10,867 DDF credits dedicated to District Grants. The Global Grant projects can request supplemental funds from the World Fund (part of TRF) and our 10,868 DDF credits are worth **\$19,562**.

Global Grants must also must fit into one of 7 established Causes:

Rotary's Causes

- Promoting peace - Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the environment

Below is a table of the projects that Goud Memula and I have been discussing with other Rotary Clubs in District 5170. The intent would be to add our Global DDF credits to the pool of funds donated by other clubs.

District Grants are less restrictive in that they can be used for nearly any humanitarian purpose, but they don't get to request supplemental funds from the World Fund. Currently our Club has 10,867 DDF District Credits which are worth \$10,867.

Irvin Stowers

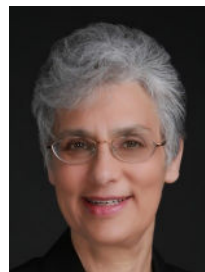
International Services Report, cont.

Possible GG & DG Projects for 2023-2024

GG & DG Project Title	Grant #	Location of Project	Requested DDF or \$\$	Lead Rotary Club	Point of Contact
GG - Girls Hygiene Project	GG2454755	Soroti, Uganda	6,667	RC Fremont Bridge & RC of Soroti Central, Uganda	Geeta Kadambi
GG - Deep Water Well in Nepal	?	Kathmandu, Nepal	\$30,000	Livermore, CA	Paul Thompson
DG - Ambassadors of Compassion	?	District 5170	10,000	Livermore Valley	Richard Goldstein
GG + DG for Maui disaster relief	Unlikely	Maui, Hawaii	\$30,000	?	Sblend Sblendorio
GG - WASH Project in Guatemala - Western Highlands	GG2350854	Guatemala	\$800,000	Cupertino, CA	Jagi Shahani
GG - WASH Project in Ghana, Africa	?	Ghana, Africa	\$107,106	Rotary Club of San Jose	Alfred Eghan
GG - 3-Wheel Battery Operated Handicapped Tricycles	?	Chhattisgarh, Odisha, India	\$183,000	Rotary Club of Raipur Royal, India	Ranjeet Singh Saini
GG - Girl Empowerment through Sports	?	?	?	Pleasanton North	Kevin Greenlee, Walter Pratte, Richard Flanders-PDG
GG - Women Microcredit Project	?	Guatemala	?	?	Ricardo xxxx, David Gilpin
GG - Girls Hygiene Project	?	Honduras	?	Tri-Valley Evening	Sara Ennor
School Construction	Cash to Global Uplift Project TGUP	TBD	?	?	Robert Freeman

Youth Services Trish Munro & Matt Fuzie

Youth Services is a work in progress. See you next month.



Vocational Services - Jeff Youngsma



Fellow Rotarians: Here is an update on the status of Vocational Services Committee for the Rotary Club of Livermore.

Vision, Goals, Mission, and Objectives are still being developed for the fiscal year of 2023-2024.

Vocations is and will be and will continue to work with Youth Services and other affiliated Rotarian services as I become more familiar with duties in which this office holds.

Currently Vocational Service is working with the **Valley Veterans Foundation (VVF)** of Los Positas College (LPC) to continue and improve both outreach and participation.

The Rotary Club of Livermore (RCoL) approved to support the **Rotarians Advancing Veterans' Education (RAVE)**. This program was instituted by John Shirley. RCoL will be bringing this forward and will work with the **Rotarian Foundation of Livermore (RFL)** to establish a restricted fund (funding sources as well) for the VVF. The Club's current VVF representative is Denis O'Brien.

I want to assure you that Vocations is very aware of the optics of "conflict of interest" issues that may "muddy the waters" while pursuing participation with other 501(c)(3) organizations that are passionate about vocations.

If you wish to be part of this wonderful program and/or have any ideas, please feel free to reach out to me via email: j.youngsma@me.com

19. Prospective Member Procedure

Revision Number: 10

Rotary Club of Livermore

Revision Date: 24 Aug 2023

Date of Policy Creation and Board Approval: 24 AUG 2023

The Membership Committee Chair manages the new member process.

1. **FIRST MEETING** - A member brings a **Prospective Member** to a club meeting, and any lunch cost shall be borne by the club for the **FIRST MEETING** only. If a prospective member comes by indirect referral, any member should ask about potential interest and be a Sponsor if interested. Be sure to introduce the prospective member to others at the table and to the President and Membership Chair if possible.
2. **SECOND MEETING** - If the Prospective Member shows interest in joining the club the Sponsor shall invite the Prospective Member to a second meeting, (at the sponsor's or prospect's expense). The prospect shall be provided with materials about Rotary and our Club, including financial and attendance requirements Announcement of their interest in joining shall be considered the **FIRST NOTIFICATION** for the Prospective Member.
3. **REFERRAL TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** - After the second meeting, the Sponsor shall notify the Membership Chair of the name, address, email, and occupation of the prospective member by email. This message starts the New Member Process. If the Prospective Member is not sure about a commitment to Rotary, the person may be invited to a third meeting.
4. **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** - The Membership Chair shall provide an electronic form application along with a one-page summary of membership expectations, with a copy of the message to the Sponsor. The membership application includes a question about authorizing a background check, which is required for membership. In the transmittal message, the Membership Chair offers to address any questions and concerns, either by email, phone, or in person as preferred by the applicant.
5. **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SUBMITTAL** - If, after receiving the application, the Prospective Member still desires to join the club, the prospect fills out, signs, and submits the application to the Membership Chair. The Membership Chair shall ensure that the application is filled out completely before proceeding.
6. **BACKGROUND CHECK** - The Membership Chair does a background check of the candidate. If the background check reveals a legal problem, the Membership Chair will inform the Board so that it may decide whether to accept the application as still viable.
7. **SECOND NOTIFICATION** - The Prospective Member along with their picture is published in the Spur or to the Club's members via email.
8. **INFORMING THE BOARD** - One week after the second notification of the Prospective Member's name, the Membership Chair shall forward the application to the Club President together with any comments that have been received from Club members. *(If any Club member has raised an objection, the objection shall be reviewed by the Board. If two or more members of the Board vote against approving the application, the application is denied. The Membership Chair then informs the Sponsor who informs the candidate. This has been and should continue to be extremely rare.)* The Membership Chair informs the Sponsor, the Orientation team leader and the Membership Committee member(s) responsible for Red-Blue Badge Conversion and Mentoring. The assigned Mentor will attend the Orientation Meeting along with the Prospective Member.
9. **INDUCTION** - After payment of dues and initiation fees and either before or after a New Member Orientation, the Proposed Member shall be scheduled for induction at the next available club meeting.
10. **REGISTRATION.** - Upon induction, the Secretary shall enter the New Member into the current District and RI databases.
11. **PAYMENT OF DUES/FEES** - The Treasurer shall invoice the Prospective member for the appropriate dues/fees and inform the Membership Chair when the dues/fees are received.
12. **ORIENTATION** - The Membership Chair coordinates the Orientation Meeting and notifies the Sponsor and the Mentor about it. This formal Orientation Meeting, although a vital part of a new member's education in our club and Rotary in general, is not a prerequisite of membership but is part of the Blue Badge requirements.
13. **RED /BLUE BADGE PROCESS** - The assigned Mentor and Sponsor will assist the New Member in his/her progress of assimilation and attaining Blue Badge status.

How we Rotarians can share our talents.

Instructions: ***If you are in need of the talent of another club Rotarian***, send an email of your need to the newsletter editor (nirunge@gmail.com) expressing your need and including your name and contact information. (If you don't want your contact information in the newsletter, members can find that under your name on our website in DACdb, Our Club.) Look for your query in the next newsletter. Then look for responses to your question.



Photos of Marylin Ave. "Back to School" night

Note: All parents of children in these photos have approved posting of these photos.

